



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/31/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 3:30 PM **Departure:** 5:00 PM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
03/31/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
02/10/2022	Complaint Closure	Good Standing
01/28/2022	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing

Compliance Zone Designation - A summary measure of a program's 12 month monitoring history, as it pertains to child care health and safety rules. The three compliance zones are good standing, support, and deficient.

Good Standing - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.

Support - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.

Deficient - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.

Ratios/License Capacity

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Main	A - 1L	Infants	2	6	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	B - 2L	One Year Olds	2	10	C	12	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	C - 3L	Two Year Olds	1	8	C	16	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	D - R Hall L		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Main	E - 4R	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	16	C	25	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	F - 3R	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	24	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	G - 2R	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	23	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	H - 1R	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	8	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	I - Middle	Six Year Olds and Over	1	34	C	25	NC	35	C	Outside
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 182						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 192				
Total # Children this Date: 98			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 182			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 192				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A - Left	22	C
Main	B - Back	78	C
Main	C - Right	65	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Monitoring visit and to follow up to the previous visit conducted on January 28, 2022. Staff files and background checks were all reviewed. A virtual inspection was conducted on March 31, 2022 with the Assistant Director, Anju Kuriakose. An in-person visit was not conducted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 03/31/2022

Any rule violation which subjects a child to injury or life-threatening situation or any rule violations previously cited but not corrected, may result in the imposition of an adverse enforcement action. Serious or continued noncompliance may also jeopardize participation in one or more DECAL program(s).



Please refer to the website, <http://www.dec.al.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx>, for information regarding October 1, 2018 rule changes about Criminal Records Checks that may affect your facility. In summary,

- New records checks will be required to be completed if a staff member experiences a six month break in service from the child care industry
- New clearance is required at least once every five years
- Any staff member solely responsible for supervising children will be required to have completed a comprehensive background clearance
- All staff members are required to have completed at least a national fingerprint based clearance check
- Any staff member with only the national fingerprint based clearance, must be under constant and direct supervision of a staff member with a satisfactory comprehensive records check clearance
- Facilities are required to use DECAL KOALA for Criminal Records Checks, including to verify portability of an employee

O.C.G.A. Section 42.1.12(i)(2) requires Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning to notify licensed child care programs on accessing and retrieving from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation's (GBI) website a list of the names and addresses of all registered sexual offenders. Please see GBI's website located at <http://gbi.georgia.gov> to access the Georgia Sex Offender Registry.

Refutation Process:

You have the right to refute any of the citations noted in this report with which you disagree. To refute a citation(s), do the following:

- 1) Log into DECAL KOALA www.decalkoala.com with the userid for your program
- 2) On the home page scroll down to the Inspection Reports and select 'Refute Citation' for the visit report in dispute
- 3) Select the specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, add the reason for disagreement regarding the rule citation, and upload supporting documentation
- 4) Submit the refutation in DECAL KOALA to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

Your refutation will be forwarded to the appropriate CCS manager, who will follow up with you about your concerns. If you have any questions about this process, contact our office at 404-657-5562.

Bright from the Start recommends that all licensed child care providers carry liability insurance coverage sufficient to protect its clients. If you do not have this liability insurance, you are required to post a notice with ½ inch letters in a conspicuous location in the program, notify the parent or guardian of each child in care in writing, obtain their signature to acknowledge receipt and maintain this written acknowledgment on file at the program at all times while the child attends the program and for 12 months after the child's last date of attendance. (O.C.G.A. Section 20-1A-4)



Important Quality Rated/CAPS Update:

As January 1, 2022, child care providers must be Quality Rated to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS). Newly licensed, or new to CAPS providers may be eligible for the new CAPS/QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward a star rating.

Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

Imani Wilkey, Program Official

Date

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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

Met

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Facility

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that a toilet brush was stored next to a toilet located in classroom H and a broom was stored leaning against a wall in classroom E. Both items were observed to be accessible to the children present for care.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 3/31/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation that the door frame located in classroom E contained peeling paint.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

Correction Deadline: 3/31/2022

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Met

Comment

Playground appeared to be clean and in good repair. Consultant discussed with the director to monitor the mesh covering the fence for tears or holes.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 1/28/2022

Corrected on 3/31/2022

.10(4) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed staff to clean the changing pad with a disinfectant after changing a diaper.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observation that a staff member did not immediately wash an infant's hands after completing the diaper changing process in classroom A.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff on required handwashing for children and Staff will ensure children's hands are washed when required. The Director will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 4/14/2022

Recited on 3/31/2022

Finding

591-1-1-.17(8) requires staff to wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for the day, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after diapering each child, dispensing medication, applying topical medications, handling and preparing food, eating, drinking, preparing bottles, feeding each child, assisting children with eating and drinking, after toileting or assisting children with toileting, using tobacco products, handling garbage and organic waste, touching animals or pets, handling bodily fluids and after contamination by any means. It was determined based on observation that a staff member did not immediately wash their hands upon completing the diaper changing procedure in classroom A.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure liquid soap and warm running water are available for hand washing, train Staff on the hand washing requirements, review the requirements with Staff periodically, and monitor hand washing.

Correction Deadline: 4/14/2022

Recited on 3/31/2022

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.20(1) requires Personnel to obtain specific written authorization from the child's physician or parent in order to dispense prescription or non-prescription medications, except for first aid. Such authorization will include when applicable, date; full name of the child; name of the medication; prescription number, if any; dosage; the dates to be given; the time of day to be dispensed; and signature of parent. It was determined based on review of records that the medication authorization form to administer "Motrin" did not have documentation of the required dosage amount to be administered. Further review of records revealed that the medication authorization form to administer "Albuterol" did not have documentation of the prescription number, the time of day to dispense the medication, and the date to be given.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff to obtain and review parental authorizations to ensure the authorization contains complete information. The designated person(s) will monitor daily.

Correction Deadline: 3/31/2022

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)**Met****Comment**

Staff stated knowledge of appropriate disciplinary procedures.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

The interior of the vehicles used to transport children appeared to be clean and safe.

Finding

591-1-1-.36(7)(b) requires that an emergency medical information record be maintained in the vehicle for each child being transported. The emergency medical information record for each child shall include a listing of the child's full name, date of birth, allergies, special medical needs and conditions, current prescribed medications that the child is required to take on a daily basis for a chronic condition, the name and telephone number of the child's doctor, the local medical facility that the Center uses in the area where the Center is located and the telephone numbers where the Parents can be reached. It was determined based on a review of records that the center failed to provide emergency medical forms for three of thirty-three students receiving school transportation services. Further, thirty of thirty forms did not have documentation of any known allergies, special medical needs and conditions, and current prescribed medications that the children are required to take on a daily basis for a chronic condition. Nine of thirty forms did not have the name and phone number of the child's doctor.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will obtain a complete emergency medical information record for each child that is transported and maintain a copy on the vehicle.

Correction Deadline: 4/1/2022**Finding**

591-1-1-.36(7)(d)2. requires that the second designated Staff person conduct a check of the vehicle immediately upon the completion of the first check of the vehicle. The responsible person shall physically walk through the entire vehicle; visually inspect all seat surfaces, under all seats and in all compartments or recesses in the vehicle's interior; and sign the passenger transportation checklist(s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle. There shall be continuous watchful oversight of the vehicle between the first check and second check. It was determined based on review of records that center staff did not document the second check of a vehicle after a morning school transportation route to Dacula Elementary School, Dyer Elementary School, and Twin Rivers Middle School on March 30, 2022.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff who are or may be involved in transporting children in how to thoroughly inspect a vehicle and properly complete transportation documentation. The Center will review and monitor.

Correction Deadline: 3/31/2022

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR) Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

Staff stated knowledge of infant safe sleep procedures.

Staff Records

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR) Met

Correction Deadline: 1/28/2022

Corrected on 3/31/2022

.09(1)(a) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. The consultant observed all staff members to have evidence of a current satisfactory comprehensive determination letter on file.

Correction Deadline: 1/28/2022

Corrected on 3/31/2022

.09(1)(c) - The previous citation was observed to be corrected. Consultant observed documentation that all staff have a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR) Met

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR) Met

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR) Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.32 - Consultant discussed with the director to ensure that children who need to reenter the building during outside play are properly supervised.